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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on February 20, 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 February 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings were received on February 20, 2005. These drawings are accepted.

Claim Objections

2. The claims are objected to because of the following informalities:
 - a. in claim 1, line 8, the Examiner suggests deleting "assigned thereto" for clarification;
 - b. in claim 1, lines 7-9 are inconsistent with the detailed description.
According to the figures, the digitized sample of the cyclic prefix is subtracted from the digitized sample of the symbol, not vice versa as recited.
 - c. in claim 1, line 9, "for" should be "thereby" for clarification; and
 - d. in claims 4 and 6-8, the Examiner suggests the following changes in the respective claims for improved readability:
 - i. on lines 3-4, change "can be fed" to "are provided";
 - ii. on line 7, insert "and" at the end of the line;
 - iii. on lines 9-10, "a symbol" should be "the symbol";
 - iv. on line 11, change "it being possible for" to "wherein";
 - v. on lines 11-12, change "to be fed in each case" to "is provided";

- vi. on line 13, change "it being possible for" to "wherein" and "to be" to "is."

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 1- 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

6. With regard to claims 1-8, the detailed description does not describe the subtraction of **more than one** digitized sample of the symbol from a digitized sample of the cyclic prefix (see claim 1, lines 7-9 or more than one subtractor circuit (see claim 4, line 5-7). Figure 1 and the corresponding description on page 10, lines 10-16 shows/describes subtracting a single sample of the symbol from a single sample of the cyclic prefix. If additional subtractors are used, as suggested in the claims language, it is unclear how to make and/or use the invention with two or more subtractors. For

example, are different symbol samples and/or cyclic prefix samples used?

Furthermore, how is the parameter determined for the multiplier circuit if it receives inputs from multiple subtractors.

7. With regard to claims 2, 5, 6 and 8, the detailed description does not describe compensating for interference in both the time domain and the frequency domain as recited in claim 2. According to page 8, lines 13-14, it appears that compensation occurs either in the time domain or in the frequency domain. Therefore, it is unclear how to make and/or use the invention that compensates for interference in both domains simultaneously. As dependent claims, claims 5, 6 and 8 are rejected for the same reason.

8. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

9. In claim 1, line 8 and line 6 of claims 4 and 6-8, respectively, it is unclear what is meant by subtracting "at least one digitized sample of a symbol from a digitized sample assigned thereby of the cyclic prefix." Is each digitized sample of the symbol subtracted from each digitized sample of the cyclic prefix? Or each digitized sample of the symbol subtracted from a corresponding digitized sample of the cyclic prefix?

10. Each of claims 3 and 5 recites the limitation "the error-corrected digitized samples" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the respective claims.

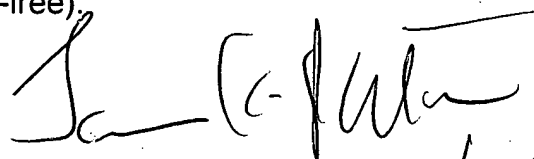
11. Each of claims 4 and 6-8 recites the limitation "the error" in line 7. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the respective claims.

Conclusion

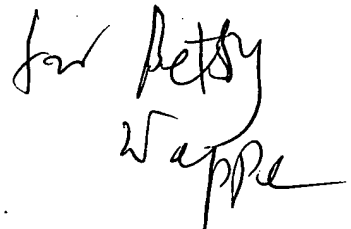
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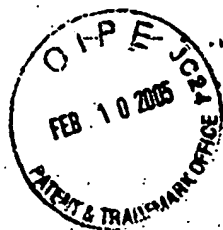
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on (571) 272 - 2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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FIG 2

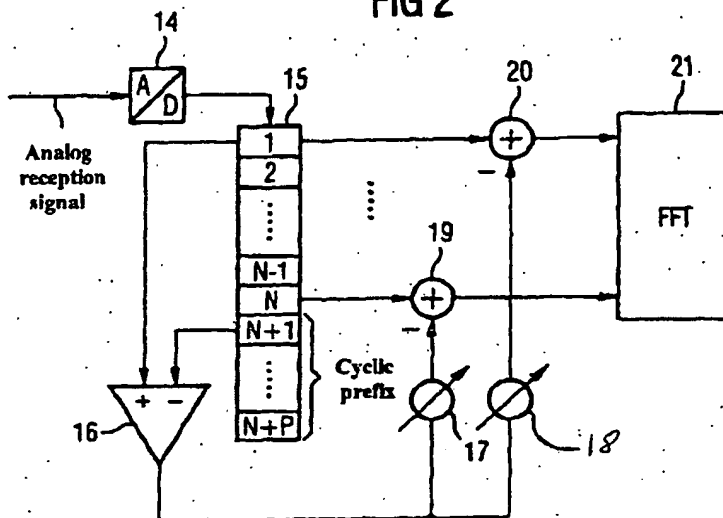
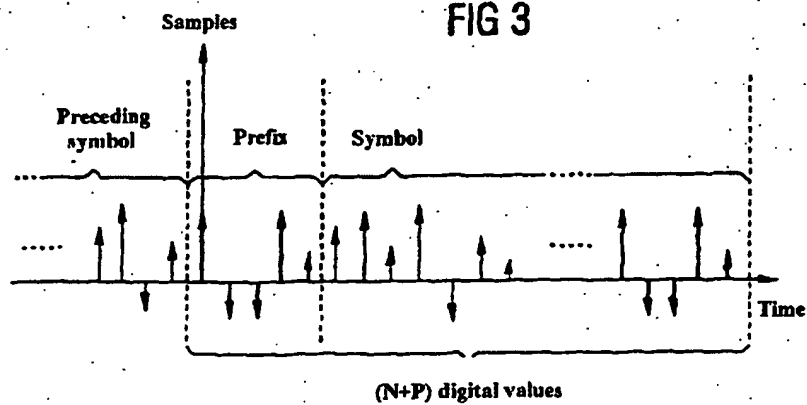


FIG 3



AMENDED SHEET